

event the handler has significantly underestimated the handler's purchases for the current year.

(2) The increase in the letter of credit shall be determined in accordance with the guidelines set forth in paragraph (c) of this section.

(c) *Guidelines for increasing letters of credit*—(1) *Increased letter of credit due to history of program violation.* If the handler and/or related entity was assessed penalties for program violations for any of the previous three crop years, the percentage of the pounds of contracted peanuts to which the increase specified in paragraph (b) of this section shall be applied, shall be increased by 6 percent for each year of the three-year period in which such a penalty was assessed, except that:

(i) Such increase for a particular crop year shall be 3 percent rather than 6 percent if, for all violations for that crop year:

(A) The penalties were reduced by the Executive Vice President, CCC, and paid; or

(B) Less than 120 days, or such further period as established by the Executive Vice President, have passed since the penalty assessment was made by the CCC Contracting Officer.

(ii) Previous penalty assessments, other than assessments for violations that involve the importation of additional peanuts, or the failure to properly dispose of additional peanuts, which have been paid shall not be considered as part of the violation history for any crop year if the total violations for such crop year by the handler, and related individuals or entities, involved less than 100,000 pounds of peanuts.

(2) *Waiver of increase.* Notwithstanding (c)(1) of this section, at the discretion of the Executive Vice President, CCC, the increase required under this section may be waived upon the presentment of adequate security as determined acceptable by the Executive Vice President, CCC.

(3) *Inaccurate certification of additional peanuts acquired.* In addition to the increase required by paragraph (c)(1) of this section, if the actual purchase of contract additional peanuts for the previous marketing year exceeds, by more than 3.0 percent, the poundage on which the previous marketing year's

letter of credit was based, the pounds determined in accordance with paragraphs (a)(2) (i) and (ii) of this section shall be increased by an amount equal to 3 times the amount of such excess.

(4) *Basis for determining letter of credit amount.* Any letter of credit determination under this section shall be based upon the facts as they exist on June 1 of the calendar year in which the letter of credit is to be supplied.

(5) *Unpaid interest.* References to unpaid penalties in this section shall include associated unpaid interest and unpaid late payment charges.

(d) *Extension of time for filing letter of credit.* Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, upon a request from a handler, the Executive Vice President, CCC, may extend the time for filing of a required letter of credit if such an extension is considered necessary in order for the handler to have sufficient time to acquire necessary financing.

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§ 1446.404 Transfer of contracts prior to delivery.

An approved contract, by which a handler is to purchase additional peanuts from a producer, may not be sold, traded, or assigned except as provided in this section.

(a) *Contract transfer and delivery of contracted peanuts to other handlers.* (1) If a handler is otherwise unable to perform under any contract with a producer for the purchase of additional peanuts due to conditions beyond the handler's control, the handler and the producer may agree to the delivery of the peanuts to another handler under the terms of the original contract or under modified terms except that, the price, quantity, type, segregation or farm number as shown on the original contract may not be changed. Conditions considered beyond the handler's control may include, but are not limited to, insolvency, bankruptcy, death, or destruction of warehouse facilities.

(2) A contract for additional peanuts shall not be transferred to another handler without the prior written approval of the Deputy Administrator. Such transfer shall be approved by the

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Deputy Administrator only if the Deputy Administrator determines that such transfer will not impair the effective operation of the peanut program.

(3) If the receiving handler:

(i) Has an existing letter of credit, such handler may increase the existing letter of credit to cover the total amount of farmers stock peanuts that is to be transferred. However, any increase must be made within 14 days after the transfer is approved, otherwise any increased letter of credit will not be considered for purposes of determining whether an increase will be required in the next year's letter of credit because of a deficiency in the letter of credit.

(ii) Does not have an existing letter of credit, the transfer shall not be approved unless such handler secures an acceptable letter of credit to cover the amount of farmers stock peanuts that is to be transferred.

(b) *Contract transfer and transfer of delivery obligations to other producers.* If a producer is unable to fully perform the terms of a contract with a handler for the purchase of additional peanuts due to conditions beyond the producer's control or other conditions as may be prescribed by CCC, the handler and the producer or the producer's successor-in-interest may agree to a modification of the contract or to the substitution of another producer either under the original terms of the contract or under modified terms that do not change the original contract price and quantity. Conditions considered to be beyond the producer's control may include, but are not limited to, farm reconstitution in some cases (combinations and divisions), insolvency, bankruptcy, or death but do not include failure to produce the contracted amount from the planted acreage of peanuts due to natural disaster or related conditions or failure to plant sufficient acreage to produce the contracted quantity. Such modifications or transfers of contract obligations shall not be valid without the prior written approval of the Deputy Administrator. A transfer shall be approved only if the Deputy Administrator determines that such modifications or such transfer will not impair the effective operation of the peanut program.

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(c) *County committee approval.* Contract modifications other than changes in producer, owner or operator, or changes permitted by this section, may not be approved by the county committee.

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§ 1446.405 Inspection of contract additional peanuts.

The type and quality of each lot of contract additional peanuts delivered under contract shall be determined by the Federal-State Inspection Service when such peanuts are delivered by a producer. To be valid, the inspection results shall be recorded on form FSA-1007 and signed by the inspector.

§ 1446.406 Commingled storage of contract additional peanuts.

(a) *Commingled storage.* A handler may commingle quota loan, quota commercial, additional loan, and contract additional peanuts during storage. In such case the peanuts must be inspected on a farmers stock basis before such peanuts are placed in storage.

(b) *Accounting for commingled peanuts.* Contract additional peanuts in commingled storage shall be accounted for on a:

(1) Dollar value basis under physical supervision.

(2) TKC basis under nonphysical supervision.

§ 1446.407 Handler transfer of contract additional peanuts or transfer of disposition credit.

(a) *Liability and credit for export or crushing.* Except as permitted by this section, a handler shall not:

(1) Sell, assign or otherwise transfer liability for exporting or crushing contract additional peanuts to other handlers, or

(2) Sell, assign, or otherwise transfer credits for exporting or crushing contract additional peanuts to other handlers.

(b) *Transfer of farmers stock contract additional peanuts.* (1) A one-time transfer of farmers stock contract additional peanuts may be made between the entity shown as applicant 1 and the entity shown as applicant 2 on the form FSA-1007 for the peanuts.